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HOUSE RESOLUTION 317
By Chumney

A RESOLUTION to commend Tonetria Crossfield for her
exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Tonetria Crossfield is one such individual who has distinguished herself in her role as a legislative intern for Representatives Carol J. Chumney and Representative John J. DeBerry, Jr., Chairman and Vice-Chairman, respectively, of the House Children and Family Affairs Committee; her work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators she assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a native of Ecorse, Michigan, Tonetria was raised by her grandmother, Addie White, and her older brother, Richard Garrett, after her mother's death; and

WHEREAS, growing up, Ms. Crossfield attended the Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church, and served on the Junior Nurses Guild; she began working at an early age as Peer Educator with Latino Family Services; and

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WHEREAS, Tonetria Crossfield is a distinguished graduate of Charles E. Chadsey High School and attended Kentucky State University; and

WHEREAS, a Cum Laude graduate of Tennessee State University, where she was highly regarded by her peers, Tonetria achieved academic excellence while majoring in Health Care Administration and Planning; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Crossfield had been an active and valued member of many programs and clubs at Tennessee State University, including SADD and the Health Care Administration and Planning Organization; and

WHEREAS, Tonetria Crossfield is a conscientious member of her community, and has served in numerous organizations and programs, including the American Red Cross, Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, and Meharry Medical College; and

WHEREAS, she served with the utmost acumen and probity as a Substitute Teacher in Nashville, while attending Tennessee State University, and as an Assistant with the Anthropology Department for Vanderbilt University from 1999-2002, providing proofreading and editing services; and

WHEREAS, Tonetria is participating in the Health Care Opportunities Program at Meharry Medical College this summer; she will receive rigorous training there to become a health care professional; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize herself with the characteristics and complexity of Tennessee state government and to further her studies, Ms. Crossfield brought her many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2002 session of the One Hundred Second General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2002 legislative session, Tonetria Crossfield has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; she has earned the respect and admiration of everyone with whom she has worked for her outstanding work ethic, reliability, and diligence in completing her duties; and

WHEREAS, she has performed her many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby commend Tonetria Crossfield for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Representatives Carol J. Chumney, Representative John J. DeBerry, Jr., and the House Children and Family Affairs Committee and extend to her our best wishes for every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.